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SECOND THOUGHTS

Second Presbyterian Church Concert Series information, page 5.



Sharing grace ...

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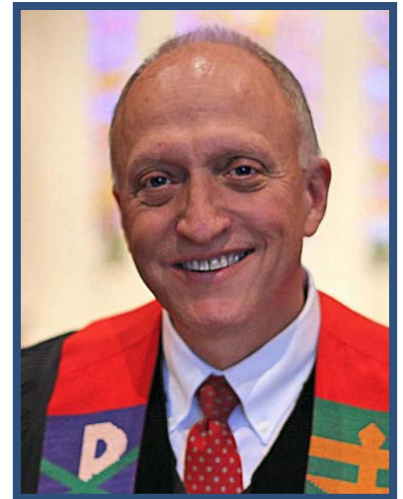


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Our Mission:
Sharing the grace of God with one another and the world around us.

Dear Friends,

It was mid-afternoon on an average day recently at the church. The volunteer at the front desk buzzed me to let me know that I had a visitor and gave me the name. It was a young woman who had once been an active part of this community of faith but had moved away years ago. I went down the hallway to greet her and her husband and gladly invited them to join me in my study for conversation.



My visitor wasn't someone I knew well, but our paths had crossed because of a tragic and painful event in her family's life. When this tragedy struck I went to the family's home and visited with them in one of those moments of shock and disbelief. I don't remember any specifics of what I said to them and remember trying to put into practice my conviction that the best thing to do in such dark times is not to explain or provide easy answers but to simply be present.

But during our recent conversation it became clear that she remembered something that had been said and that it had given her great comfort. She thanked me for that visit and for follow-up contact with her family. After a little bit of small talk she and her husband left to get on with their lives and I with mine.

A theologian whose work I read this past week as part of continuing education time speaks of the centrality of a notion of "the good life" in determining how we live. What (or who) is it we believe gives our lives meaning and purpose, depth and richness? What are our values, our convictions, our goals? This author writes that his vision of the good life is a life of getting out of ourselves, beyond ourselves, and joining with others in caring, serving relationships. The good life, for him, is living with "a passion for the other," perfectly exemplified in Jesus Christ.

As I read his musings, I thought of the encounter with that young woman. By the grace of God we had connected on a deep level and I had conveyed to her the hope of the gospel. She ministered to me with gratitude and by reminding me how God uses our feeble efforts in powerful and unexpected ways. It was a "God moment," an illustration of what "the good life" is about.

As we head into the season of Advent at the end of November, this season of waiting and watching for the appearing of our Lord and Savior, I encourage you to be mindful of the ways the Spirit lifts you out of yourself to reach out to others in care and concern and how you are the recipient of such ministering from others. Welcome to the good life!

Grace and peace,
 Steve
 Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church

Await

ADVENT AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ADVENT WORSHIP & MUSIC

Sundays, November 28; December 5, 12, & 19 at 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

November 28 - Advent Workshop at 5 p.m. & Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Our families are invited to join in preparing their homes and hearts with the hope of the Christ Child. Our children and youth will lead us in Worship in the Chapel. (See more information, page ___)

December 5 - An Advent/Christmas Concert with Harry Pickens (Livestream Only), 7 p.m.

Join Harry Pickens, a master of improvisational jazz piano, as he presents a live-streamed and "soul-streamed" concert of seasonal musical favorites.

December 12 - Awaiting Joy: A Musical Worship Celebration - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sanctuary
(Live-streamed at 11 a.m.).

Our Sanctuary Choir, Octet, Austin Memorial Handbells, Children's Choirs, and Chamber Orchestra present our journey of expectation, and the revealing of the Great Mystery of the Christ-Child.

December 19 - Christmas Carol-Sing - 6 p.m. in the Chapel -Neighborhood caroling to follow.

Bring your whole family as we share our favorite carols, enjoy some hot cocoa and goodies, and take to the neighborhood to share grace with our community.

CHRISTMAS AT SECOND

December 24 - Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service, 5 p.m. in Sanctuary (Live-streamed)

Lessons & Carols Candlelight & Communion Service, 9 p.m. in Sanctuary (Live-streamed)

December 26 - First Sunday of Christmas

One Service at 11 a.m. in Sanctuary (Live-streamed)

January 2 - Second Sunday of Christmas with Communion

One Service at 11 a.m. in Sanctuary (Live-streamed)

LIVESTREAMS AT [YouTube](#) [2ndPresLou](#)

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN
Music Ministries



Youth Worship Arts and
Sanctuary Choir on World
Communion Sunday, October 3



Our Octet and guests at
Kaleidoscope Gala,
October 10



Our Austin Bells preparing
for Reformation Sunday



Our Children's Choirs sing
for October 24 Worship

SOS!

We are in need of camera operators for our live-streamed services at 11 a.m. each week. It involves operating camera angles by computer. Training is easy! Please call Jim at 502-645-2256. *Thanks to Brandon Hughes who has taken the lead in helping us out for several weeks.*



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that we who heard
this recital came
away convinced of a
glorious future for
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2PK Upcoming Events

Parents with Young Children Meet Up

11/13 – 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

All families with children ages 3 and younger are invited to meet for a time of fellowship on the playground (or the gym in the case of inclement weather)

For more info, Contact Lorie Williamson at lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org

2nd Sunday School Class

11/14 – 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School class for parents of school age children and younger. Topics discussed related to parenting, faith formation in the home, and maintaining personal relationship with God amidst the busyness of family life.

Parents Night Out

11/20 – 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Pack a dinner and have the kiddos birth – 5th grade join us for a fun-filled night of crafts, gym time, story telling, and more!

Contact Amy Heckmann at aheckmann@2ndpreslou.org by Monday, November 15 with questions and to reserve your spot.

\$15 per child – \$25 family cap



Advent Workshop and Service

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

5:00 – EVENT DINNER AND WORKSHOP

6:30 – ADVENT SERVICE

Advent Rehearsal Schedule for those involved



Wednesdays 11/3, 11/10, 11/17

5:30-6:15 p.m.

Sunday, 11/21

10:00-10:30a.m.



Family Advent Service - Sunday, 11/28/21

2PK SECURITY UPDATES



AVAILABLE
UPSTAIRS AND DOWNSTAIRS

Download the app
for smooth
check-in and
check-out



DOORS WILL BE LOCKED DURING 11
A.M. WORSHIP
BEGINNING OCT. 31

Door 3 and Sanctuary doors
will be open,

All other doors will be locked
beginning at 11:15 a.m.

All doors will allow for exit.

Youth

One of our 2PY youth reflects on their time at Montreat last year:

Through reflecting [on our week at Montreat], I realized the vast amount that God intertwined himself through this week, much more than I had even thought would be possible going in. This was my second year at Montreat and, to be completely honest, my first year was very difficult for me. I came in very unsure of myself, constantly worrying about how I was presenting myself and the thoughts of others around me, and it kept me from making the most out of the experience. But over this past year, I have grown so much as a person, becoming more true and confident within myself and, as I started going back to school after the pandemic, I saw slight evidence of this. I began making new connections and asserting myself more, but Montreat was something much bigger than this. Every day at Montreat solidified this change in myself and furthered it. I fostered so many new connections this week both with new people in my small group and those that I had already known from Second Presbyterian, but had yet to speak much with. The conversations I had this week with those I had not yet truly gotten to know meant more to me than they could know and I'm so grateful to have gotten the opportunity to have them...

Two years ago, I would get nervous walking around the Montreat campus, worried I would see someone I knew, forced to have a conversation asserting myself in a way I had wrongfully convinced myself I was incapable of. But this year, I would garner true joy from those small "hellos" and "what's ups" I would share between small groups with people from the church...

Not only did I see God's grace this week through connections made, but also in the pure beauty of the area. God's touch was clear as I looked out to the mountains, at the top of Lookout Mountain, and when swimming in the creek with Ella. The sound of running water that surrounds most of the campus is a constant reminder that the presence and movement of God can be found all around if you take the time to listen.

Overall, this experience solidified and was visual evidence of the growth I've made and I will keep it close to me forever.

Montreat showed me all that I can still do to continue fostering positive connections like the ones I had there, in places where people may not be as open to them. And as I came out of this experience, I will prioritize sharing the grace that was so graciously shared with me over the past week with others. *Bella Tilford, junior*

2PY Calendar of Events

- Nov. 4 HS Girls' Bible Study, 8:00 p.m. (@ the Lyle's)
- Nov. 6 Volunteer opportunities at West End School & Habitat for Humanity
- Nov. 7 2PY together in 11am worship
- Nov. 14 Regular 2PY Sunday schedule
- Nov. 20 Volunteer opportunity at Peace Presbyterian Church
- Nov. 21 Regular 2PY Sunday schedule
- Nov. 28 No 2PY on Sunday morning
Advent worship & service, 5:00 pm



from the Weekday School

This is connection.

Teachers and students build strong relationships together through respect, trust and presence at 2nd Pres. This photograph is of a student who happened to meet his teacher from last year in the atrium one morning. He had come in a bit upset from his transition away from mom. When he saw his former teacher, Cathy, she bent down to speak with him at his eye level. She focused all of her attention on him and spoke in soft, kind words. Her actions communicated respect, trust and presence to him. He responded by becoming very still. His breathing slowed, and he stared into her eyes, listening to every word she said. The few people nearby all paused their own movement and watched this tender moment. The connection between Cathy and the child was palpable and demonstrated how a strong relationship endures, even when a student moves into a new classroom. We work for children to feel respected, important and loved at 2nd Pres, and this was a beautiful example of it in action.



WEDNESDAYS Together

Fall Schedule

Sept. 15–Nov. 17, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

5:00–6:00 p.m. Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

- Dinner will be served individually packed as boxed meals. We will be eating dinner in family units, and there will also be some tables available for those who come by themselves to sit among one or two friends.
- Reservations are needed by Monday at noon of each week. Contact Virginia at vfortner@2ndpreslou.org to make a reservation.
- There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person with a \$15 family cap for the meal.

6:00–7:00 p.m. Adult Education

One adult class will be offered this season, taught by Pastor Steve and Pastor Jordan in the Library.

5:30 p.m. Children's Choir: Music and Vocal Education for Ages 3 through 5th Grade

- 5:30 p.m. Choirs Meet
- 6:00 p.m. Cherub/Carol Choir (3-K) to activities
- 6:15 p.m. Chapel Choir (1st-5th) to activities

After choirs, children will either be released to childcare or to gym or mission activities led by our Children's Ministries.

Registration links for children's choirs are available in 2PK Newsletter and Seconds To Go

Need more info? Email Christina Recktenwald at christinabrecktenwald@gmail.com or Ricky Case at rlcase01@gmail.com

Mission of the Month

Be A Beacon Of Hope This Christmas For A Cabbage Patch Family

Christmas can be a magical time, but for the families of The Patch it can be a time of overwhelming stress: wondering how you can purchase Christmas gifts for your children when the family budget does not cover regular monthly expenses. Add the disruptions and uncertainties of COVID and you have all the ingredients for stressful holiday. Because of you, Cabbage Patch children will still experience the joy of Christmas and the assurance that God hears their needs—the love of the Christ child can shine brightly.

"Wow, what a year!" Lisa says. "I was laid off when COVID broke out, and when I was called back to work my hours were only parttime. You won't believe how expensive it is to raise two teen boys. It seems like they're always hungry, and they grow out of their pants and shoes before they even wear them out. I find myself overwhelmed and lacking hope. But when I got the call that my family would be part of The Cabbage Patch's Christmas Program this year, I just cried. You have no idea how much of a Godsend The Patch is in my life, and for my boys."

For a family struggling to make it week to week, your generosity not only allows them to have gifts for their children and a meal on the Christmas table, but it also helps them to not go into more debt (debt that is often impossible to overcome.)



The impact of COVID is still impacting the way we need to do The Cabbage Patch Christmas Program again this year. While we would love to invite you to shop with Lisa, the safest way to help her is to donate so The Patch can purchase Target and Kroger gift cards for her and 20 other local families. Our goal for this year is to raise \$20,000 that would provide Christmas blessings for 60+ Cabbage Patch individuals.

Again this year, you have the opportunity to help these families in need by contributing in honor or memory of a loved one. Each time a donation is made, \$10 or more per honorarium request, a Christmas card can be sent to the person/family informing them of your generosity. Why not donate in honor of a schoolteacher, teacher, basketball coach, or grandparent? They will be touched by your thoughtfulness.

Share your love for others by making a donation. Contact Jennifer Scott at 753-4446 or jscott@cabbagepatch.org for more information.



Our newest partner in mission is South Louisville Community Ministries, located at 415-1/2 W Ashland Ave, adjacent to Beechmont Presbyterian Church. SLCM serves 40214, a zip code with the highest rates of eviction in the city: the eviction moratorium may be the one thing that has allowed families there to survive the pandemic. Without a home, families cannot quarantine and protect themselves from the risk of exposure to Covid. SLCM witnesses this firsthand and, in response, runs a Rent Assistance Clinic on Thursdays, where they have helped close to 100 people per week since August.

You can help support this mission by donating food and household products. Grocery bags for items will be in the Narthex on Sunday, Oct. 31. Other donations left in the Mission Room need to be marked with SLCM. Requested items are:

- Cereal
- Soup
- Canned veggies
- Pasta sauce
- Adult pads & diapers (sizes Large-2XL)
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry detergent
- All-purpose cleaner

Additional funding would help us purchase these critical items in this time of heightened need, and give some hope and relief to families around Thanksgiving.

from the Refugee Committee



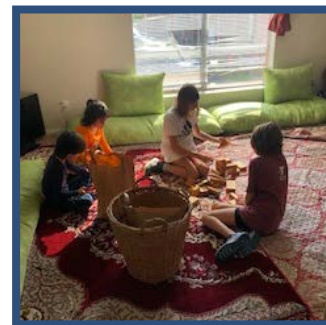
Donations collected and inventoried at the Oylers



Baby Andisha and her sisters



Hamassa makes a friend at Slugger Kids



A 'block party' with the Amiris

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back in fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. Romans 8:14-15 (NRSV)

Kentucky Refugee Ministry (KRM), like most resettlement ministries, has been deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Travel restrictions, quarantines, reduced staffing, and funding are in part responsible for the sharp decline in U.S. resettlements over the past two years. The steps towards resettlement have slowed dramatically. Many refugees are now stuck at resettlement processing centers, unable to move to more permanent, safe homes.

Raees Amiri's brother was evacuated from Afghanistan in August with his wife and their three children. They passed through Germany and Virginia. For the past month they have been on a base in Texas completing medical and other clearances. If all goes well, Church World Services will be able to settle them in Louisville through KRM. The hope is that this family will be reunited in the very near future.

Update on sponsored families:

The Amiris discovered Green River and KOA campgrounds during fall week-end trips. School goes well for Bibi and Anosha at Ferncreek Elementary. KRM has created an opportunity for Khatul to provide home-cooked Afghan meals for new arrivals to Louisville.

Nedal received a raise at UPS and continues work online for another degree. He and his sister, Rawan, are doing fine. Like the Amiris, Nedal has offered his help for new refugees.

The grace shared at Second comes full circle as our sponsored families help those just arriving. A big thanks to our members and friends who have donated so generously. We are ready and waiting for the next settlement: all are welcome in this mission. Contact Kathy (kathy@oyler.net) or Martha (mnpecceu@yahoo.com) to join.

MISSION TRIP

FEBRUARY 11-18, 2022

\$250.00 Deposit

Due Dec. 15, 2021

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
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Adult Formation

Zoom links to adult education programs can be found in *Seconds to Go*.

You may also contact the church office: vfortner@2ndpreslou.org or 502-895-3483.

Biblical Studies

The class is led by Dr. Acton Ostling, Jr. and meets in-person on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 252. If interested in receiving the announcements or emails, whether or not you are a regular member, please email Dr. Ostling at lingjr@twc.com. For more information about the class, visit the Adult Education page on our website. This fall, the class will be dealing mainly with the figure of the historical Paul. The stories in the Acts of the Apostles seem to be imaginative expansions on hints from his authentic letters. What can be gleaned from what Paul himself says in his letters?

Pathways

Led by Elizabeth Clay, the Pathways class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall A and via ZOOM. Pathways is a group of folks who enjoy thinking and talking about life, faith, the Bible, and the intersection of the three. Please come join us!

Reading the Bible

Dr. Marty Soards of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary leads this class on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor and on ZOOM. We will be studying Romans 15-16. In these two chapters the Apostle Paul discusses personal issues and the life of the Roman Christian community in ways that provide theological insight into the life of the early church and to Paul's understanding of God's work in and through Jesus Christ and, in turn, Christian life. If interested in joining, or if you have any questions, please email marion.soards@att.net.

Race Matters

The "Race Matters" Film Fellowship Group was formed in Spring 2020 after the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, and as a response to the growing national consciousness of race and race relations. We meet to consider the ways in which racial consciousness has been represented in the 21st century and historically, back through the 20th century and beyond. We use film to mediate our conversations, keeping "focus" not on our own beliefs and opinions, but instead on what we experience and discover in watching it and exploring its context. This helps keep alive our basic goals to seek understanding, both communally and supportively. We

discuss films for their subject matter and also as art, which often takes us into another (aesthetic) area of discovery. Most recently, we are beginning to explore some basic tenets of Critical Race Theory, arguments for and against, as they relate to the films we view. Our meetings are held both on ZOOM and in person at the church. If you are a movie lover, stop by and join us! Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. (contact: Karen Hadley, hadley@louisville.edu)

2nd Sunday

2nd Sunday is for parents of children from birth through teenage years. The class meets on the second Sunday of each month and deals with issues facing young parents trying to raise faithful children in this tumultuous and ever-changing world. Class members share experiences and ideas, to help each other find ways to make God the center of our families, led by moderators Lee and Vic Baltzell.

Our next session is November 14 at 9:45 a.m. in Rm 251. Childcare will be provided.

Sisters in Spirit

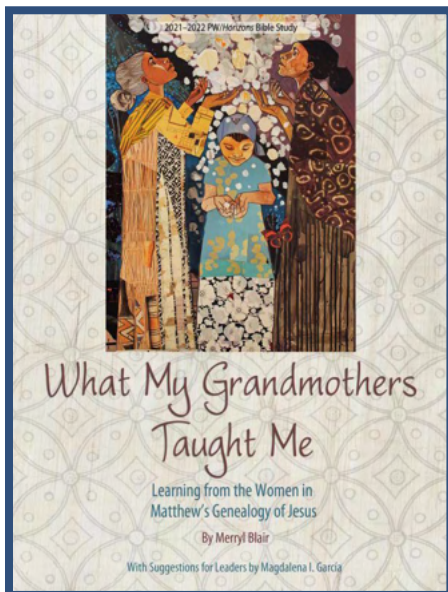
Sisters in Spirit's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Ann Fleming's (2000 Camargo Road, 402070) as we conclude our study of Priscilla Shirer's *Discerning the Voice of God*. Please RSVP to Selina Costley at sjc@iglou.com.

For more information, contact the church at 503-895-3482 or twilliams@2ndpreslou.org.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom at 7 a.m. on Friday mornings. Dr. Marty Soards, Professor of New Testament Studies at Louisville Seminary, is leading an overview of the New Testament using Commonly Misunderstood Verses of the Bible by Robert E. Van Voorst.

Presbyterian Women of Second



Presbyterian Women of Second will continue to share information in Second Thoughts about opportunities to gather and serve and offer a monthly reflection on the Horizons Bible study until we can, once again, join together in Circle.

The Annual Thank Offering collected by Presbyterian Women supports programs/projects dedicated to improving the lives of women and children in the US and around the world. The 2021 Thank Offering recipients included the Nature Preschool at Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center in Banner Elk, N.C. and a Women's Hostel at Chasefu Theological College in Chasefu, Zambia, housing women learning essential farming skills, and expanding women in ministry. Checks can be made payable to PW Mid-KY, for the Thank Offering, and mailed to PW Mid-KY Treasurer JoAnna Overstreet, 4102 Spring Park Lane, Louisville, KY 40218. \$996 was collected at our Annual Prayer Service in September and given to Kentucky Refugee Ministries.

The 2021-22 Horizons Bible study "What My Grandmothers Taught Me" by Meryll Blair explores the women in the lineage of Jesus.

Lesson 2 is the story of Judah and Tamar found in Genesis 38. Tamar shows us how God used this marginalized, powerless woman to fulfill a role in His magnificent story. Following the practice of levirate (brother-in-law) marriage, Tamar is twice widowed by sons of Judah. Fearing for his third son, Judah sends Tamar home to her father. Following the death of Judah's wife, Tamar uses her only assets, her femininity and her wiles, to engage with Judah, with whom she will bear twin sons, Perez and Zerah. This ordinary woman "with all her faults and failings" illustrates how God can use "people like us" and can transform our expectations.

Lesson 3 tells the role of Rahab found in Joshua 2 and 6:22-25. Rahab was marginalized by her profession, as head of household, as a foreigner to the Israelites, and for living "on the margins" on the outskirts of the city of Jericho. Moses has died, and Joshua sends spies to gather information as they progress toward this long-anticipated territory. Rahab, recognizing the power of the God of Israel, hides the spies and lies to the king. She uses her intelligence and courage to shield her own family, while God works through her to prepare a way for the Israelites. Rahab gives birth to Boaz, son of Salmon. Each of these stories "call us to look more carefully for God's presence around us and within us."

presbyterianwomen.org has opportunities to order the Horizons study book, subscribe to the Horizons Magazine, and find information about Presbyterian Women in God's world.

May the love of Christ and the joy of our friendships be with you, now, as always. In Christ,
Amy Parker, Moderator – amyparker158@hotmail.com (502) 897-5076

Hope and Healing While Grieving

will meet at 11:30 a.m. on the first and third
Wednesdays of each month through April 2022.

While most of us will be in Room 251,
there will be a Zoom option available.

Please contact Elizabeth Clay at eclay@2ndpreslou.org
if you are interested or have any questions.





A small group ministry of Second Presbyterian Church
 SPOT serves to unite people who share a common interest and deepen their faith in Christ through building relationships and reaching out to others.



Book Notes

November 2, 2021 10 a.m.

**Book: *Apeirogon, A Novel*
 by Colum McCann**

You are invited to join us for Book Notes, a book club that meets to discuss both fiction and non-fiction books. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. Meetings are both in-person at the church and on zoom. The book selected for November's discussion is *Apeirogon: A Novel* by best-selling author, Colum McCann. It is an epic story about the real-life friendship between two men—one an Israeli, the other a Palestinian—who are united by the tragic loss of their daughters. The book is about their attempt to use grief as a weapon for peace. *Apeirogon* is unique with 1001 "chapters" (some only one sentence long!) that will bring you to tears and give you a better understanding about what it is like to live in an "occupied" country.

December 7, 2021 10 a.m.

Book: *The Mad Women's Ball* by Victoria Mas

Looking ahead, in December, we will discuss a completely different topic and another best-selling author: Victoria Mas's book, *The Mad Women's Ball*. The setting is the Salpetriere, a famous mental institution in Paris, circa 1885, where a dance is held for the patients to enjoy and for guests to observe. The book is a captivating historical thriller with enough twists and turns (including hypnotism and "spirits" of the ethereal kind) to keep readers engaged to the end. We will have a special guest, Dr. Jess Wright, who will lend a professional's point of view to this dark, sumptuous tale. You won't want to miss this discussion.

We welcome all readers and people who love to read. Happy reading!

For information or to be added to our mailing list, please contact: Larry Sloan at larry.sloan@yahoo.com Susanne Wright at sjwright@iglou.com.



2nd Act

2nd Act is on hiatus, for more information in the meantime, contact Susan Langford, toursplus@aol.com or (502) 897-3789.



Paint SPOT

The group is back painting on Thursdays at Second. Contact Linda Wood for more information, (502) 893-3330 el.wood@twc.com.



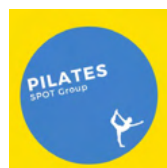
Dinner Groups

Jennifer Scott (502) 326-3145
jscott@cabbagepatch.org



Busy Needles

To learn more about Busy Needles, please contact Mary Ayers, (502) 429-3415 or marywayers@aol.com; or Bev Wahl at (502) 423-9271 or bevwahl41@gmail.com.



Pilates

Susan Schmidt (502) 523-5934
puremovementlv@gmail.com



Walkers

To learn about the program, please contact Bev Wahl at (502) 423-9271 or bevwahl41@gmail.com. New walkers are encouraged to join.

For Your Information

From the October 14, 2021 meeting:

- The Independent Church Audit has been completed and the auditor’s findings state that in all material respects, the financial position of Second Presbyterian Church of Louisville—as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended—is in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- Technology Update: Work on the technology upgrades continues and is progressing nicely. New lighting in the sanctuary will soon be finished. New monitors for hybrid meetings and a new sound system will be installed in Fellowship Hall. New speakers will be installed in the gym. All of the church building upgrades are expected to be complete by mid-November.
- The Reopening Task group continues to meet weekly, as needed, to review CDC guidelines. It is currently recommended that people continue to wear masks when in the church building.
- Session has approved the reinstatement of David Dorsey as a member of the Personnel Committee.
- There will be a congregational meeting November 14, 2021 to nominate elders, deacons and trustees of the church.

A copy of the approved Minutes of Session is available in the church office.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Clark, *Clerk of Session*

Christmas Poinsettia Donations

If you would like to give a poinsettia or wreath to the church for this Christmas season, please submit a check to the church with the following info as you would like it printed:

- your name
- dedication or memorial (if desired)

Poinsettias: \$30
Wreaths: \$50

Contact Bonnie Boram with any questions:
502-893-3355

Ministry Support Staff Update

We would like to remind you of which staff member now supports various ministries. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at 502-895-3483 or at info@2ndpreslou.org.

Lisa Bickett *Pastoral Assistant*

Finance	Personnel
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Virginia Fortner
Formation & Worship Assistant

Adult Ed	Children
Music	Worship
Youth	

Samuel Libra
Communications Assistant & Organist

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Tanner Williams *Receptionist*

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We remember in prayer...

Jean Groskreutz and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Rev. Dr. Donald A. Groskreutz, 10/21/2021.

Rebecca Brown and her family on the death of her aunt, Nancy Homan Goatley, 10/20/2021.

Betsy Baker and her family on the death of her father, Walt Baker, 10/14/2021.